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JP 2000-50842 was published on February 22, 2000, which is later than applicants' Japanese priority date of August 9, 1999. JP 2000-50842 does not mention the combination of N-acetylglucosamine ("NAG") and collagen.

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